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RE: LINE ITEM FUNDING

Attached is a page from the funding element of the Cultural Plan which was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners.

Regarding the line item funding issue, 3.6 clearly states the intent of the element and 3.6.2 further addresses the recommendation that funds be appropriated to the grant program including the line items.

3.6.1 addresses the city's specific plan to transition their funding. The county did not propose such a plan for their transition and it would be helpful for you to consider a recommendation in that regard.

It would be helpful to note that the Brogan will be receiving \$25,000 less from the city in FY05 as a result of the transition and in order to ease the loss of revenue in the same year, perhaps a staggered transition could take place. In other words, the receipt of the current amount would remain the same until FY06 at which time they would receive 90% or \$135,000 and continue in the same manner as recommended in 3.6.1.

The other Major Cultural Institution that receives county funding is the Tallahassee Museum. As noted in 3.6.2, the Tallahassee Museum, or other Major Cultural Institutions entering the grant program, would be the recipient of the phased out funding until it reaches the maximum amount eligible in that category.

3.6.3 states that all city designated funding for arts and heritage programs flow through the grant program. I think because this was a city funded study they felt compelled to be specific with city funding. However, in conversations with the chair of the funding committee she expressed that the intention was for the county to follow suit.

It appears that there is enough specified in 3.6.2 to determine that all funding should be allocated through the grant program. The other details can be worked out as we go along.

Please advise us on how you would like to proceed.